

SHOOT WIFE AND SELF

DOUBLE CRIME OF AN ABUSIVE HUSBAND IN JAY COUNTY.

Liberty Kempf, Who Was Shot by His Wife at Washington on Sunday, Is Not Fatally Injured.

DECISION IN A DAVIS SUIT

DR. GOSHORN CANNOT RECOVER FROM THE WASHINGTON BANK.

Accident Barely Escaped at West Baden—Factory Fire at Bluffton

—Other State News.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

REIDKEY, Ind., March 24.—At 12:30 o'clock this afternoon this town was thrown into a great state of excitement by the shooting of Maggie Shepherd by her husband, Charles Shepherd, at the home of Ben Whitwell on Bell avenue.

Shepherd married Miss Maggie Mullen about one year ago, but, as it was rumored, she left him after they had lived together about six months and went to live with her brother at Boswell. Shepherd continued to run his barber shop here. Mrs. Shepherd returned only last week to visit her parents, and Shepherd tried to fix up the differences, but failed to do so. While she was at her sister's, Mrs. Whitwell's, today, Shepherd again appeared on the scene in a troublesome mood. Ben Whitwell tried to eject Shepherd, and the shooting followed.

Five shots in all were fired, four taking effect in Mrs. Shepherd, one through her body just under the right nipple, two through the right arm and one through a finger. She fell to the floor and Shepherd turned the pistol on himself. The ball entered just under the right arm and was cut out just over the right eye. Both are supposed to be fatally injured and their deaths are expected at any time.

Mrs. Shepherd is the daughter of Frank Mullen, a glass worker, and is twenty years old. Charles Shepherd is a prominent physician, who has practiced at this place for thirty-five years.

Mrs. Kempf Not Yet Arrested.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WASHINGTON, Ind., March 24.—Later developments in the Liberty-Kempf murder reveal the fact that the woman who had received one of the eye shots, was believed last night to have been made by a bullet, was only an unimportant injury made in falling. Two bullets had been fired through the drunken husband's head, each entering from the side. The wounds were not discovered until late last night, as they were hidden by the hair. Mrs. Kempf, who is a small woman, says her husband frequently beat her, and had done so Sunday morning. She told him that she would leave him if he abused her again. When he returned in a drunken condition Sunday evening he choked her and pushed her into a corner. As she was reaching for a child's dining chair she fired five shots in quick order, and, leaving over the fallen body, went to police headquarters and told her story. She has not been arrested, but the coroner is making an investigation.

Small Boy Shot at Montpelier.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MONTPELIER, Ind., March 24.—Sunday night Charles Griffith, a young man from Berlin, a small village west of this city, shot and fatally injured David Allen, an eight-year-old boy. Griffith and two other boys were here during the evening, and they started home about 9 o'clock in a buggy. In the west part of town Griffith fired a shot and the boy was killed. Allen fell from the right ear. The skull was badly fractured. The two young men with Griffith were found guilty of intoxication and paid fines this morning. Griffith was held to answer the action of a grand jury. All are sons of prominent farmers.

Telegraph Operator Takes Poison.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

BROWNSTOWN, Ind., March 24.—John L. Vinson committed suicide by swallowing two ounces of carbolic acid at his home here about 5 o'clock Sunday evening. He was in the telegraph office at Vaino, three miles west of here. He went to bed at noon and at 5 o'clock his daughter went to his room to wake him up for supper and found him dead, with a two-ounce bottle which had contained carbolic acid lying by his head. A check for \$100 was found in his pocket addressed to his daughter, who keeps house for him, his wife having died last August. He was forty-three years old.

PUPILS ON STRIKE.

They Resent Discharge of Prof. Muncie by Brazil School Board.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

BRAZIL, Ind., March 24.—As a climax to the trouble between the scholars in this town went on strike this afternoon when the school board discharged Professor Muncie after he refused to resign. There is a strong element at work endeavoring to settle the trouble out of court, but both sides have engaged attorneys.

The affair has stirred up much bitter feeling here and public opinion is divided as to the wisdom of the action of the board. Members of the school board state that Miss Muncie insists that Professor Muncie actually kissed her and a similar statement was made by her daughter. Some of the lawyers declare that, though it were true that Mr. Muncie placed his arm around Miss Muncie and kissed her, it was simply an act of indiscretion and would not furnish sufficient grounds to warrant his dismissal.

MATERIALS ALL AT HAND.

Clay City Brick Company Has a Thriving Plant in Operation.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

CLAY CITY, Ind., March 24.—The Clay City Brick and Clay Company, incorporated with a capital of \$100,000, already has invested \$75,000 in a plant for the manufacture of building brick and soon will be equipped with modern machinery for the manufacture of paving brick and drain tile. The officers of the company are John N. Miller, president; J. P. Miller, vice president; M. Lafferty, secretary and treasurer. The present capacity of the plant is 30,000 bricks per day, with kilns for burning 50,000. The plant is to be greatly enlarged. The company has special advantages in having all its materials close at hand. Its clay is a fine, light, eleven feet of clay for building brick, second, sixteen feet of shale, third, three and a half feet of good coal, and fourth, seven feet of the very best of fire clay.

This immense bed of shale is said to contain a very large per centage of vitrifying and strengthening properties so essential in the manufacture of paving brick, and the fire clay cannot be excelled for the manufacture of terra cotta and stoneware.

New Mutual Insurance Company.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

VALPARAISO, Ind., March 24.—The Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Porter County, has been organized, with John W. Brummitt, president; Joseph Stevenson, vice president; Jasper N. Finney, treasurer; Peter A. Maggart, secretary. The following directors were elected: John W. Brummitt, J. N. Finney, C. A. Anderson, L. G. Furness, Joseph Stevenson, B. F. Jones, and J. H. Jones. The central office will be in Valparaiso. It was decided to send out collectors to thoroughly canvass the farming community of Porter

county for business. As soon as the stipulated \$50,000 worth of insurance is placed the organization will be closed and the papers of incorporation sent to the secretary of the state at Indianapolis.

Telephone Company Organized.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

FLORA, Ind., March 24.—About one hundred local business men and neighboring farmers have organized the Farmers' Mutual Telephone Company, with a capital of \$25,000. The Flora & Brinkhurst Telephone Company has been in operation here for three years, but the service is unsatisfactory, and the Farmers' Mutual has been organized for self-protection and to lower the rates, which, they declare, have been exorbitant. The old company is desirous of selling its plant to the new company.

WINDOW GLASS SNAPPERS.

They Will Hold Their First Annual Convention at Muncie.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MUNCIE, Ind., March 24.—Preparations are being made for the first annual meeting of the National Window Glass Snappers' Association, which will be a three days' convention in Muncie, opening on April 1. Two delegates will be present from each of the eighty odd locals, and it is expected that the employees of some unorganized factories will attend. At this meeting new officers will be elected and a considerable amount of business will be transacted. It will be the first convention held by any trade of the window glass workers for many years.

The blowers, gatherers, flatteners and cutters are affiliated into one body—L. A. 200. The members are now being voted for the result of each precinct meeting being mailed to headquarters in Pittsburg.

Agreement Reached with Linemen.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., March 24.—The Central Union Telephone Company has made terms with the electricians and linemen and the boycott which has been on since June 1st will be lifted. The men asked for \$2.50 for a nine-hour day and the recognition of their labor organization in signing a wages contract.

ALMOST A CATASTROPHE.

Incident at West Baden That Might Have Been a Terrible Accident.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WEST BADEN, Ind., March 24.—A serious accident was narrowly averted at West Baden Springs Hotel this morning. Workmen were here erecting the scaffolding and false work used in the construction of the dome, which is to be 20 feet in diameter and 100 feet above the ground, and will be the largest dome ever constructed.

All was in readiness for raising the first section and the roof and windows were occupied by several hundred persons. The enormous mass of steel was raised, and when almost in position a guy rope slipped and the weight for the crane, which was held by the crane, through the wall of the hotel. The mass of people jammed in the hallways, and the scaffolding fell, and serious injuries were averted.

Succumbed to His Injuries.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

NEW ALBANY, Ind., March 24.—Frank Lawson, who was injured by the fall of a scaffold at Holy Trinity Catholic church last Friday afternoon, died this afternoon. His skull was fractured and he never regained consciousness after the accident.

He was thirty years old and lived in Lawson formerly lived in Harrison county. A fellow-workman, Samuel L. Brown, of Indianapolis, who was on the scaffold with Lawson, died within an hour after he was injured.

Unknown Man Killed by Cars.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

HAMMOND, Ind., March 24.—Two unknown men were killed at Miller's Station, a few miles from here on the Baltimore & Ohio Railway, last night. In this corner of the station, where people have been killed by railway trains in the past few weeks.

WHOLE FAMILY POISONED.

Ate Cabbage on Which Is Supposed to Have Been Paris Green.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., March 24.—Miner Young and his wife and little daughter, living in Posey county, were poisoned today by eating cabbage. Immediately after dinner they were taken sick, as was a man named John Worth, who was visiting them. All are in a serious condition to-night.

Young and Worth are unconscious and are not expected to live many hours. The cabbage, which was bought at a grocery store in Poseyville, is believed to have had Paris green on it.

Drowned in Captin Lake.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

GOSHEN, Ind., March 24.—John Kauffman, aged about seventy years, a bachelor who made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Levi Kauffman, to whom he had devoted his eighty-acre farm, just south of Shipshewana, LaGrange county, about six months ago on the condition that they were to keep him the rest of his life, drowned on Sunday forenoon in Captin lake, one mile southwest of Shipshewana, by the accidental upsetting of the boat in which he was. He was recovered only Monday morning. He spent his time principally at the lake fishing and trapping, and had a boat there where he prepared his meals.

DOUGLAS COUNTY POLITICS.

Illinois Republicans Hold Their Convention and Select Delegates.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

TUSCULOA, Ill., March 24.—The Republican county convention met here this afternoon, permanent organization being perfected, with New Evans as chairman and Frank Collins, secretary. Reports of the various township committees were received, showing that Carl E. Burgett, of Newman township, who is understood to be a Hopkins man, was elected at the Saturday primary to the legislature from Tusculoea township. The returns show that Clayaway only carried two townships in the county by very small majorities.

Delegates were selected for the State, congressional and legislative conventions. The convention was harmonious throughout. Following heretofore custom the convention did not instruct for United States senators, but it is understood that Burgett is for Hopkins.

Declarer Republican Primary.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

DECATUR, Ind., March 24.—The Republican city primary to-night resulted as follows: Judson W. Teeple, mayor; Earl B. Adams, clerk; H. T. Gregg, treasurer; Harry Cordell, auditor; Charles Teeple, Sylvester Peterson, S. B. Fordyce and Timothy Corbett, councilmen.

Related Political Notes.

ROCHESTER.—The Republican delegate convention, for the nomination of a county clerk, was held at the Academy of Music on Saturday night. The contest was most enthusiastic and harmonious. The following ticket was nominated: For clerk, William R. Wright, a Republican; for sheriff, Frank E. Rouch, a Democrat; for coroner, Dr. Isaac L. Babcock, a Democrat; for assessor, Isaac Katherman and Edward Zook. The convention unanimously consisted that the executive committee should name the candidates for councilmen at-large.

GOSHEN.—The Democrats of Elkhart county, in mass convention on Saturday, instructed the delegates chosen to the Thirtieth district convention, to be held at Plymouth on April 2, to cast the vote for county for Prof. Frank E. Hering, an instructor of Notre Dame University, for the congressional nomination to oppose L. B. Brick, of South Bend, the Republican nominee. Professor Hering was present and addressed the convention. He undoubtedly will be the nominee, no other candidate having been seriously considered up to this time.

AURORA.—At the meeting of the Republicans of Center township at Council Hall on Saturday night, the following delegates

were chosen to attend the State convention at Indianapolis: Capt. A. B. Pattison, W. E. Stark and J. C. Small; alternates, Harry Schmude, L. W. Cobb and Fred Minish.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY.

One Hundred Students to Make an Inspection of Chicago.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., March 24.—One hundred students of Purdue University, with instructors, will leave for Chicago on Tuesday, on a special train, for an inspection of that city. The party, composed of electrical, mechanical and civil engineers, will remain a week. Professors Matthews, Goshorn and Miller will accompany the students.

Twelve-Year-Old Graduate.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MUNCIE, Ind., March 24.—Morrell Shoemaker, aged twelve, a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Shoemaker, of this town, will be graduated from the common schools of Delaware county at the coming spring commencement. He is the youngest student ever graduated from the Harrison school ship school. The boy is a small, sturdy and well developed. He is an unusually diligent student and passed the examination for graduation with creditable grades. He has attended School No. 9 in Harrison township for eight months. Howard Drumm is his teacher.

Class Will Present "Mikado."

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., March 24.—The senior class of the Indiana State Normal School has decided to give the opera of Mikado as the class day exercise. Three Shakespeare plays have been given in the past three years by classes, but the Mikado is thought it would take advantage of the superior musical culture that is now a part of the school course and present an opera. Rehearsals have begun.

FINDS AGAINST THE DOCTOR.

Court Decides He Cannot Recover Money Stolen by Davis.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WASHINGTON, Ind., March 24.—After weeks of waiting Judge Houghton handed down a decision in the case of Dr. Goshorn vs. the People's National Bank to-day. The court held for the defendant.

This suit was brought to recover \$5,000 which Goshorn had on deposit and had given Cashier Davis authority to place it on deposit for him with the Columbia Finance and Trust Company of Louisville, Ky. Goshorn claims he was dealing with an officer of the bank, and that that officer failed to place the money on deposit, but used it to reduce his liability to the bank. The bank claimed that the cashier had no authority to take the money in the name of the bank for such a transaction, and insisted that the bank was not responsible for the unlawful acts of the cashier. The court held such views also, and gave a verdict for the defendant bank. The case will be appealed.

Suit Suddenly Dismissed.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

GREENSBURG, Ind., March 24.—The \$500 damage suit of Hiram Drake against Dr. R. M. Thomas, came to a sudden close this afternoon. The forenoon was devoted to the selection of a jury, but the trial had not proceeded far this afternoon before the attorneys for the plaintiff suddenly dismissed the case, claiming that the plaintiff had already misrepresented the facts or was mistaken in his idea of the place where the plaster Paris cast on his injured limb. He stated that the physician had placed it up to his elbow, but this was shown to be untrue by other physicians to be an impossibility. The case was dismissed at the plaintiff's cost.

YOUNG SANDEFUR GUILTY.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., March 24.—The jury in the case against Mrs. Emma Sandefur and son Clarence, charged with the murder of George W. Scott last December, after being out eleven hours, returned with a verdict at 9 o'clock to-night, finding Clarence Sandefur, his son, guilty of murder. Emma Sandefur, his mother, was found not guilty. Judge Morris has passed no sentence as yet.

GUILTY OF CRIMINAL ASSAULT.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

PORTLAND, Ind., March 24.—A verdict of guilty of criminal assault was returned against Benjamin Curtis at the opening of the circuit court this morning. The penalty was two years in the penitentiary. Curtis was charged with the assault on the girl in the Indiana Reformatory. Curtis was practically unmoved by the sentence. The girl in the case was Miss Mary Jackson, twenty-two years old, who has just turned fifteen years.

MEMORIAL OF SHILOH BATTLE.

It Will Be Held on Sunday, April 6, at Shiloh Church.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

ROCKPORT, Ind., March 24.—On Sunday, April 6, memorial services will be held at Shiloh church, five miles west of here. It is the fortieth anniversary of the battle of Shiloh, in which many Spencer county soldiers were engaged, and the one in which Henry Wright, whose grave was the first one made in the cemetery at Shiloh church, lost his life. After he had enlisted in the service Henry Wright and some of the other boys in the neighborhood were walking through the woods near the site of the present church and he stopped and pointed to the place where he said he wanted to be buried. He was a member of the Twenty-fifth Indiana Infantry and lost his life at Shiloh. His body was brought to the place he requested, laid to rest at the place he had selected. That was the beginning of the cemetery there and the site of the church and the graveyard received their names. Henry Wright was a brother of Colonel J. Wright, who was a member of the Indiana Shiloh Monument Commission, appointed by Governor Durbine.

CRAZY MAN'S FLIGHT.

Wandered from Home and Was Found Dying on a Wire Fence.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., March 24.—Almost the entire population of Petersburg, a town forty miles north of this city, turned out last night to join in the search for a crazy man. For several days past W. S. Mitchell, a saloon keeper, has shown signs of insanity, and at 10 o'clock last night he wandered from home and was found lying on a wire fence. He was turned in and the department responded with many other citizens.

Heads began to search and soon after midnight Mitchell was located in a corn field. He was entangled in a barbed wire fence and was badly cut. He was taken to his home and has been unconscious ever since. There is no hope for his recovery. He was a prominent man in the community and was once prominent in Democratic politics.

MISSING FROM HOME.

Terre Haute Agent of an Indianapolis Insurance Association.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., March 24.—Mrs. Louis Becker reported to the police to-day that her husband had been missing since March 5. He had several hundred dollars on that day and was going to the Indianapolis fair to make a settlement with General Agent C. H. Brackett, of the Columbian Relief and Accident Association, for which he was a solicitor in this city. The police have sent an inquiry to Mr. Brackett.

Mr. C. H. Brackett, secretary of the Columbian Relief and Accident Association, said last night that the corner of the company in Terre Haute for about two years. On March 5 he checked out all the

money he had in bank and left Terre Haute. He made no settlement with the company, and so far as I know was not in this city. He owned the company \$150,000 in shares, covered by bond. I have received no word from the Terre Haute police about Becker.

PLATE GLASS HANDLERS.

They Meet at Cincinnati, but Say They Did Nothing.

CINCINNATI, March 24.—At the Burnett House to-day there was held a meeting of about twenty representatives of the American Plate Glass Association—handlers, manufacturers, of plate glass—with President G. C. Sherburne, of Boston, presiding, and L. G. Hadly, of St. Louis, as secretary. The meeting was strictly executive. President Sherburne said after the meeting:

"We did not take any action toward increasing prices. There was no election of officers, and the business transacted was purely routine. We do not know as yet where or where the meeting will be held. I have the determining of these matters, and shall attend to them in due time."

MAY HAVE BEEN INCENDIARY.

Fire Which Destroyed Bluffton Ice Plant on Monday Night.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

BLUFFTON, Ind., March 24.—At 8 o'clock to-night the large factory of the Bluffton Artificial Ice Company was destroyed by fire, thought to be of incendiary origin. The factory was owned by a stock company, which C. Arnold was the largest shareholder. The loss is \$12,000 to \$15,000, with insurance of \$5,000. The company will not rebuild.

Burglars in Rush County.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

RUSHVILLE, Ind., March 24.—Arlington, this county, was visited by burglars last night. The general store of Ira Althouse was entered and several suits of men's clothing and other articles stolen. He estimates his loss at \$70. The C. H. & D. freight depot was robbed of several articles. The home of George Mitchell in this town, which he had just purchased for \$25 in money taken. A lot of jewelry had been sorted out by the thieves, but the approach of a neighbor of Mitchell's scared them and they ran off and left it. The \$25 was concealed under the carpet, but the burglars found it. There were two of them.

Held for Passing Counterfeits.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

NEW ALBANY, Ind., March 24.—John Springer, of this city, was arraigned to-day before United States Commissioner Cardwell on a charge of passing counterfeit money. He pleaded guilty and in default of \$500 bond was sent to jail to await the action of the United States grand jury. Springer passed and bought counterfeit money at three saloons, receiving a drink and 35 cents in change at each place. He claimed a stranger gave him the money.

Traction Franchise Refused.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

FRANKLIN, Ind., March 24.—Indianapolis and Johnson county men were before the County Commissioners to-day asking for a franchise for an electric line from Indianapolis to Waverly. The petitioners asked to use a county road and county bridges and on this ground the application was refused. The petition will be revised to do away with the objectionable features. The South Indianapolis Improvement Company is said to be interested in the project.

Franchise Through Tipton County.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

TIPTON, Ind., March 24.—The commissioners of Tipton county to-day granted to the Union Traction Company, of Indianapolis, president and general manager of the Union Traction Company of Indiana, a franchise for his proposed Indianapolis-Kokomo line through Tipton county. The franchise is for twenty years and includes the right to cross all highways in the county in traversing it from south to north.

Muncie Man Gave the Evidence.

GUTHRIE, O. T., March 24.—On the testimony of Harley L. Gephart, of Muncie, Ind., Hazen William and James Burns were convicted at Poteau, I. T., of robbing Gephart, and were sentenced to five years each in a federal prison.

Indiana Obituary.

MORRISTOWN, Ind., March 24.—Moses Bennett died at his home here last night as the result of a stroke of apoplexy at the age of forty-seven. He was first stricken over a year ago. For years he was one of the prominent teachers of this place, and his only child, a daughter, is also a teacher. He was a lifelong Republican and an active part in the work of a member of the Knights of Pythias and Court of Honor.

WINDYBROOK, Ind., March 24.—Mrs. Elizabeth Gray Griffith, wife of John Griffith, of this place, died at her home yesterday after a lingering illness of consumption. She was seventy years old and was the wife of a prominent citizen.

PORTLAND, Ind., March 24.—Henry Scholer, one of the best known residents of this town, died last night at the age of sixty-eight. He had been a sufferer from Bright's disease for some months.

DUNREITH, Ind., March 24.—A. B. English, ex-commissioner of Rush county, died to-day, aged seventy-five, of Bright's disease.

Indiana Notes.

CAMBRIDGE CITY.—John H. Kleiber, a workman in Bertsch's machine shop, had one of his eyes destroyed on Monday. He was cutting a piece of iron with a lathe when one of the pieces struck him in the eye, injuring the member so badly that he was unable to work. His wife, Mrs. Edna Hogan, wife of Clerk Hogan, of the Central Hotel, was severely burned while visiting on Sunday. She was holding a lamp when it was overturned and the fire from her hair was burned off and part of her face burned to crisp.

EVANSVILLE.—Nineweenaw and vicinity in the south part of this county are numerous cases of what the health officers call smallpox. A quarantine has been established to prevent the disease from spreading. The wife of Elizabeth Baker, an Indianapolis school teacher, against the Indianapolis Street Railway Company, is on trial here. Her claims to have been injured in an overcrowded car last year and she demands \$10,000.

NEW ALBANY.—The Rev. Charles Christensen, of Vevay, Ind., has been elected to the Indiana Synodical Conference at Charleston. He was installed yesterday by the Rev. Charles Hutchinson, of this city. The church at Charleston was organized in 1812 and was the second one in the Indiana Territory, the one at Vincennes antedating it by four years.

MUNCIE.—Word comes from Munich, Germany, of the recent appointment of Henry McGinnis, of Muncie, as secretary to United States Commissioner of Rush county in that city. Mr. McGinnis is a graduate of the Muncie High School, showed ability as a student, and was a member of the Indiana Artists, and was well known in Indianapolis.

GREENSBURG.—The Dr. Arnold House, the principal hotel of this city, changed management on Monday afternoon. The new proprietors, Messrs. Welch and Carter, of Indianapolis, will take charge of the business at once. Colonel Reeves and Frank Berry, the former proprietors, will continue to reside here.

RICHMOND.—Elizabeth Jones, whose home was at Daleville, Ind., committed suicide by taking poison. She was in the Hospital for the insane, where she was a patient. She tore a strip from her night gown and hanged herself with it with the assistance of a window sill. The body was sent to her home.

PORT WAYNE.—Coroner Barnett held an inquest on Monday on the body of Louis Hamel,